

# The Telleorium

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## NEW BETA CLUB MEMBERS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

### *From the Office of the Principal, W. P. Oglesby*

This year at Big Island High School is a year which calls for the utmost in cooperation and understanding from the faculty, the parents, and above all, the students of our school. There are many aspects of our school that are far from being ideal as we would hope for them to be.

One of the most serious of these conditions is the heavily over crowded condition which we have. I am not just referring to the over crowding of our school in relation to the number of pupils in the classrooms but also the over crowding of extra work on the pupils and teachers to keep our school functioning properly. For instance, two of our new high school teachers are teaching six major subjects each day. Under normal conditions, no teacher in high school would be asked to teach more than four. The other teachers who have less than six subjects must keep a study hall or do guidance work. In the elementary school, normally, a teacher would have approximately 25 students. We may compare this with such figures as some of our elementary teachers have. The fourth grade teacher has 37, the fifth grade teacher 42, the sixth grade teacher 39, etc. It is well realized that under such conditions, we cannot offer you the type of instruction that we would desire.

For the past two weeks, our janitor has been in the hospital in serious condition. His wife has had to assume extra duties to cope with the situation.

We could go ahead and enumerate many other conditions that we do not like and cannot help, therefore, it is up to each of us to meet these conditions and through the cooperation of all, gain the best edu-

cation possible under such conditions. I have been much impressed these first weeks of school in the manner in which the great majority of all have adjusted to these conditions and tried to make the best of them. The community has been most cooperative, the teachers have definitely shown that they will work to give the pupils a good education if the pupils will cooperate and work with them.

I want to commend the large majority of the pupils for the excellent spirit of cooperation which they are displaying. If this spirit will continue, and each of us contribute some little part in making our school a better place, the rewards which we will reap from them will be life lasting.

### *Kay Green and Her Friends* By Lois Peters

One of the most entertaining shows which has been presented at Big Island High School was given September 21, at 9 a.m. *Kay Green and Her Friends* turned out to be a lady and her trained pets. There was a pony, 34 years old, a monkey, a kangaroo, two rhesus monkeys, eight dogs and two goats. The pony was trained to answer certain questions by tapping his foot. The monkeys rode bicycles and pushed a wheelbarrow. The goat walked the plank, the kangaroo hopped around and the dogs went through a lot of circus tricks.

Most of the High School and Elementary grades attended and those who didn't missed a good show.



### *Miss Roberta Layne School Paper Sponsor*

By Betty Byers

Who is this young brunette teacher that we have now roaming the halls? It is none other than Miss Roberta Layne.

She is only 22, so watch out all of you girls. Miss Layne was born in Cullen, Va., but now is staying in Lynchburg. Her parents live in Cullen, Va. Miss Layne attended Randolph-Henry High School. She majored in Business Education at Radford College.

The one great thing about Miss Layne was—she came from a family of 19, but was still interested enough in becoming a teacher, to work her own way through college. Miss Layne teaches all commercial subjects. Her favorite is shorthand. Some of her likes are music, dancing, and listening to the radio.

Miss Layne's favorite food is chicken and 7-Up is her favorite drink. Her favorite song is "My Blue Heaven." Her one big dislike is getting up in the morning.

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### *Back to School*

By Sandra Wood

Here we are back at Big Island High for another year after what seems to have been a most exciting summer vacation for everyone.

We are all glad to be back with our old friends and to be able to meet new friends and welcome them to Big Island High School.

### *Teachers Entertained By Ruritan Club*

By Jeanne Ramsey

The faculty of Big Island High School was entertained with a banquet by the Ruritan Club on Tuesday evening, Sept. 15. This is an annual affair that the faculty looks forward to with pleasure.

Mr. W. A. Woodfin, president of the Ruritan Club, introduced Mr. W. P. Oglesby, the principal, and he then introduced the new members of the faculty.

The after-dinner speech was given by the Rev. L. R. Freeman, pastor of Big Island Baptist Church.

The delicious meal was prepared and served by the Ladies of the Home Demonstration Club.

### *Our Janitor Is Very Ill*

By Jeanne Ramsey

The faculty and pupils of Big Island High School are very sorry to know that the janitor of the school, Claudie Mitchell, is in the hospital. We extend to him a sincere wish that he will soon be with us again.

By his kindness and his going out of his way to do a good job makes us all realize how much he is missed. We hope he can soon be with his family again.

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## EDITORIAL

### A Golden Opportunity

September 1st marked the beginning of a new school term for students at Big Island High School. Here we are being given a golden opportunity to increase in "wisdom and statue and in favor with God and man."

The ultimate goal of each individual should be to find God's will for his life and do it. In order to reach this worthy aim we should make wise use of our educational opportunities. We need to take our schooling seriously and not idle our time away. Instead of "cutting up" and seeing how much trouble we can give our teachers—we need to be grateful for them, cooperate fully and see, instead, how much we can learn of what they are striving to teach. All too often students wake up, too late, and realize the mistake of not taking advantage of their every chance in better preparing themselves for tomorrow.

Let's resolve that to the best of our ability we will develop mentally, physically and spiritually while we have this golden opportunity.

## Snooper

Well, fall has come again and I, the snooper, am back to make my rounds and to keep my ears and eyes wide open for some snooping news. If you have any personal business you should stay clear of me, that is if you happen to see me coming.

Hey, Seniors, how about that senior trip. Some say it won't come, but I heard different.

Speaking of seniors, Betty St. John how are those timed writings coming along? Do you have any mistakes?

Eleanor, who's the cute boy from Boonsboro I hear you are dating now.

Patsy Feagans, I hear that your old flame is about to get married. What do you think of it?

Brenda, what's this good news about you not having to ride in that "old jalopy" anymore?

Dana, I heard that you would have a cool time after church the other night. How about it?

Mr. Kelly, did you receive that box of candy from a certain Jr. girl? Was it good?

Judy Seay, I have also heard about a certain fellow in Math who is always making eyes at you. Just who could he be?

Is it true, Marie Arrington, that you have a crush on a certain teacher?

Speaking of crushes, Nancy Blankinship, do you still have an eye for a certain good looking guy with big brown eyes in the upper grades?

Corretta Belle how is Canada these days? Is it cold and lonesome?

Susie, I hear that you are borrowing quarters from your sister. Proved to be embarrassing but also funny didn't it? Better pay your debts.

Well, friends, I guess I will go snooping some place else for a while but I'll still see and hear what goes on, so be careful.

—Snoopy Snooper.

## Senior Personality

By Billy Williams

There is an especial young gentleman who is seen in our halls quite frequently except when out because of various and sundry things. This boy possesses a grand weight of 250 lbs., has green eyes, and dark blond hair. The person of whom I am speaking is our own Mike Brown.

Mike is an athletic type of boy. He is a very good baseball player and would make an exceptional football player. To add zest to his illustrious sports career, Mike was also graciously gifted with the ability to play basketball.

Mike's favorite food is hamburgers, which he eats in very large quantities. His favorite subject at school is lunch, which consists usually of fudge popples in multiple quantities.

After high school Mike plans to attend Lynchburg College and Hampden-Sydney College. Mike we wish you the best of success and happiness in your future life.

## Senior Personality

One of the Senior personalities for this month is Bud Burks. He has black hair, brown eyes and is about six feet tall. Bud is a handsome and neat boy.

His favorite food is T-Bone steak which he tries to get as often as possible. You will never find Bud in Big Island for he is always on a date somewhere you never know.

His favorite subject is Government which is his first period class in the morning. In sports he is best in basketball and last year he was on the school team. As for girls he says that they are his most favorite pastime.

We wish to Bud the best of luck in the future and in everything that he undertakes to do. I am sure Bud will be missed when he leaves school to a life for himself. Best of luck, "Bud."

## Senior Personality

By Jeanine Goff

Appearing in the Senior Class this year is a very likeable girl with a pleasing personality. She is a natural blonde, with long curly hair, large brown eyes and dark brows and lashes. She has a sweet smile at all times.

This young lady is quiet and refined in her manner and studies seriously most of the time. She is willing to do any tasks assigned by her teachers, or other faculty members, and can be depended on to do what she says.

Her hobby is attending movies. Her favorite foods are cheeseburgers and "French Fries." She plans to sail the sea of matrimony after graduation. I'm sure you have guessed who this is by now. It is none other than Rachel Branch. Best of luck "Rae."

## Girl's State

By Eleanor Tomlin

Virginia Girl's State was held at Radford College from July 5-11. Girl's State is sponsored annually by the American Legion Auxiliary. The delegates from our School were Ann Tomlinson and Eleanor Tomlin. Ann was sponsored by Owens-Illinois and Eleanor by the local Legion Auxiliary.

While at Girl's State, we operated on a very busy schedule. We learned much about the operation of the state, city and county government.

Some of the highlights of the week were our trip to Boy's State to hear our governor's speech and the Girl's State Governor's Ball.

All in all, I'm sure that I can say for Ann and me that it is an experience that we will never forget.

A youth spends the years between 12 and 21 waiting to become his own boss. Then he gets married.



## P. T. A. Meeting

By Mickey Douglas

The P. T. A. held its first meeting of the year on Monday, September 14.

A get-acquainted reception was held.

Mrs. J. J. Yoder, president, introduced and welcomed Mr. Oglesby on his return here and in turn each faculty member introduced another member.

The Home Demonstration Club Singers, members of the Hunting Creek, Sedalia, and Lake Home Demonstration Clubs, rendered two selections, with Mrs. John Sale at the piano.

There were approximately 100 persons present.

Refreshments were served by the Hospitality Committee.

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### CLASS OFFICERS

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Co-Treasurer ..... Kaye Hensley  
Reporter ..... Betty St. John

#### Sophomore Class

President ..... Roger Boothe  
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Reporter ..... Barry Spence

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Reporter ..... Roger McDowell

#### Eighth Grade

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Vice-President ..... Steve Taylor  
Sec.-Treas. .... Wayne Freeman  
Reporter ..... Linda George

## MY TRIP TO BOYS' STATE

By Danny Mason

On July 5, one of the most exciting weeks of my life began. This was my trip to Boys' State. I was accompanied by Mike Brown, who was sponsored by the C. I. O. I was sponsored by the American Legion. Boys' State was held at V. P. I. in Blacksburg, Virginia. We were taken there by William N. Turpin.

There are many highlights of Boys' State which still remain in my memory. One of these is the bar examination which was required of those who held such offices as governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, etc. One night we were shown movies of Soviet Russia. Another highlight of the trip was our circuit court trial. Frankie Lane was tried for the murder of her lover, Johnny. Motive for murder; he was her man, but he done her wrong.

Throughout the week we heard several very interesting speeches. One of the most interesting was given by Mr. Charles Kesler. Mr. Kesler had accompanied Adm. Richard Byrd on his expeditions to the North Pole. Mr. Kesler compared the penguins that he had seen to humans. This proved to be very amusing. Our counselors gave us several lectures on National, City and State government. One of the most impressive speeches was given by the director of Booker T. Washington

At Mocambo a wolf approached a girl and asked her phone number. She told him it was in the phone book. "What's your name?" he asked. "That," she replied, "is in the phone book too."

An actress is supposed to have asked a hotel clerk, "Can you give me a room and bath?" The sarcastic clerk replied, "I can give you a room, sister, but you'll have to take your own bath."

Always remember the heart is a muscle. You're never really in love you're muscle-bound.

Boys' State for Negroes. The Attorney General and the Treasurer of Virginia also gave very interesting talks. On Friday evening we were addressed by Mr. J. Lindsay Almond, Jr., the Governor of Virginia.

Throughout the week's activities no one let the final ball slip from his mind. This was held at Radford College on Friday night. Music for the dance was furnished by the Stylists. The dance was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

On Saturday, July 11, four tired, but happy people returned to Big Island. Transportation for the return trip was furnished by Owens-Illinois.

### A NOTE OF THANKS!

Big Island High School  
Big Island, Va.  
October, 1959

#### Dear Advertisers:

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We urge our subscribers to read your advertisements and support them with their patronage.

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Yours very truly,  
THE STAFF.

## Alumni News

GLADYS TOMLIN—Working at Snyder and Berman's

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RONNY DAY—Working

WRAY TOMLINSON—Married going to Lynchburg College

EDNA COFFEY—Working for Bell Telephone Co.

SHIRLEY TURPIN—Now Mrs. Wesley Wilson

OPAL GOFF—Working at Hosiery Mill

DOT SEAY—Now Mrs. Ronnie Ross

EARL CHEATHAM—Working at Rubber Text

### Miss Layne, Sponsor

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Last but not least, Miss Layne admires a boy with respect, a quiet sort of, dependable boy, medium height, and dark complexioned.

Definition of a square: The boy who takes a girl to a drive-in theater and watches the movies.

This was an official report as published in a Los Angeles paper: "Police can find no reason for suicide. The man was unmarried."

Definition of alimony: A system by which when two people make a mistake one of them continues to pay for it.

"Do you neck?"  
"That's my business."  
"Oh, a professional."

A good woman inspires a man, a brilliant one interests him, a beautiful one fascinates him, but the sympathetic woman gets him.

A wedding ring is like a tourniquet; it stops your circulation.

**Song Dedications**

LAWLESS to BRENDA—  
No Wheels.

JEANNE to BURTON—  
Lonely Street.

PATSY T. to RONNIE O.—  
So High, So Low.

LOIS P. to IRA SMITH—  
I'm going to get Married.

MICKEY to JOHN R.—  
Bye, Bye, Love.

BETTY to BARRY—  
Till There Was You.

LARRY to ANN M.—  
Second Fiddle.

JOHNNY R. to ELEANOR—  
They Call me Romeo.

BOBBY H. to BECKY D.—  
Hey, Little Girl

RONNIE M. to PHYLIS—  
Making Love.

JAMES P. to BARBARA C.—  
I want to Walk You Home.

CORRETTA to JACK—  
Just Ask Your Heart.

**Mrs. Coulson**

By Judy Arrington

Mrs. Curtis Coulson, our fourth and fifth combination elementary grade teacher, comes to us from Hillsville, Virginia, by way of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Coulson is a graduate of Hillsville High School, and attended Radford Women's College of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, located at Radford, Virginia.

This is Mrs. Coulson's first year of teaching and she says she likes teaching and Big Island just fine.

Mrs. Coulson is interested in music and sports. She likes to attend football games, and also likes basketball and tennis.

Children are no novelty in Mrs. Coulson's life, since she is the youngest of six children. Her parents reside in Hillsville, Virginia. Mrs. Coulson and her husband are presently living in Lynchburg, Virginia, where her husband is a Senior at Lynchburg College.

**Mr. Newton**

By Steve Wilson

This fall Big Island High School has four new high school teachers, one of whom is Mr. Newton. Probably all of you high school students know him, but not any of us know him well.

Mr. Newton is not like all other teachers. As a matter of fact all of them are different in some way. Mr. Newton's greatest trouble is handling his chemistry class. He is a teacher I know all of us students will like, and like well when we get to know him better.

We are hoping he will enjoy his stay as a teacher at B. I. H. S.

**Mrs. Florie Eagle**

Mrs. Florie Eagle, from Richlands, Virginia, is our new sixth grade teacher. She is a graduate of Radford College where she majored in elementary education, English, history, and social studies.

We all welcome Mrs. Eagle in Big Island school and hope that she will enjoy teaching as much as we enjoy having her here.

**MRS. NEAL**

By Ann Massie

We are very happy to welcome to our high school faculty, Mrs. Ruby Neal. She came to us from Clinton, North Carolina.

She graduated from Campbell and Wake Forest Colleges, North Carolina, where she majored in English Education. Mrs. Neal was with us last year, teaching the sixth grade. This is her fifth year in teaching.

Mrs. Neal is married to the Rev. Woodrow W. Neal, Pastor of Hunting Creek Baptist Church. She is an active church member. I think she is a fine person to know and also an excellent teacher.

**BE THE BEST**

If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,

Be a scrub in the valley,

But be the best little scrub by the side of the rill.

Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush, be a bit of the grass,

And some highway happier make.

If you can't be a muskie, then just be a bass,

But the loveliest bass in the lake.

All cannot be captains, some have to be crew,

There's something for all of us here.

There's work to be done, and we've all got to do

Our part in a way that's sincere.

If you can't be a highway, then just be a trail;

If you can't be a sun, be a star.

It isn't by size that we win or we lose,

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A refrigerator loaded with leftovers is something I don't care to peer into.

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